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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Reiko Duba
Vice President Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Commissioner Ruth Jernigan
Commissioner Wadie M. Gravely
Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos
Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez
Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

Introduction of audience followed.

(Commissioners Julie McCarthy-Napoleon, Jill Tanner and Charlotte Lesser joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m.)

(Commissioner Ruth Creary Joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, unanimously carried, the minutes of September 14, 2009 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- President Duba introduced newly appointed Commissioner Jill Tanner representing the Fifth Supervisorial District.
- September 14 – attended the Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run Committee meeting.

MEMBERS

Reiko Duba
President

Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Vice President

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Treasurer

Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Norma L. Gallegos
Wadie M. Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Julie McCarthy Napoleon
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia G. Rodriguez
Jill Tanner
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for today following the Commission Meeting.

- September 27 and October 4 – Attended the Run/Walk training at Griffith Park hosted by coach David Lavine.

(Treasurer Becerra-Jones Joined the meeting at 10:15 p.m.)

- It was reported by staff that three Commissioners attended the Center For Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) on September 25. However, only two tickets were approved for purchase on September 14. Discretionary fund was used to pay for third ticket. President Duba suggested that in the future proper notification should be given to staff to allow for proper allotment of funds.
- Reminded each Committee Chair to submit in writing their membership information and action plans for the year. She also mentioned that there are six tickets for the Governors Conference to be held October 27, 2009 in Long Beach. Commissioners not attending the Conference were reminded to inform Commission staff in order to utilized all six tickets.
- Requested staff to order name badges for Commissioners who need one.

STAFF REPORT

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Service Staff, reported the following:

- On October 7, 2009 East Los Angeles College is hosting Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event will take place at the college campus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- An information memo submitted by the Department of Public Health was distributed to everyone to inform them about the H1N1 Vaccine expected to arrive around October 9th – 10th in some Los Angeles County Clinics and doctor's offices.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Becerra-Jones reported the following on the expendable allowance for the month of September 2009. The beginning balance was \$16,616.58; flex spending expenditures were \$2,560.00 and October Spending balance is \$3,568.84. Report filed with Commission Services.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES FROM THE PARTNERSHIP TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – DEBORAH SUH

President Duba requested to reschedule presentation at a later date.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO TICKETS TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES 18TH ANNUAL ACCESS AWARDS LUNCHEON ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 AT THE KYOTO GRAND HOTEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase of two tickets for the Commission on Disabilities 18th Annual Access Awards Luncheon for October 19, 2009 not to exceed the amount of \$120.

UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK AND 10K RUN

Commissioner Lesser reported the following:

- The Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run will be held October 31, 2009 at Dockweiler Beach, Playa del Rey. Commissioners who are planning to attend need to arrive before 7:00 a.m. due to street closures.
- Commissioner Becerra-Jones mentioned the Second Supervisorial District has transported groups of 50 people to the race site. She also mentioned that Vera Jimenez, Traffic Reporter, CBS Channel 2, will be attending this year's Run for Health.
- Attended the Manhattan Beach run held last Saturday with staff. Water has been secured for the October 31, 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run.
- President Duba stated the 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run post cards and entry forms were printed and are ready for distribution. There are two more meetings remaining to finalize the details of the event. The 5KRun/Walk & 10K Run Committee is scheduled to meet today following the Commission meeting, and the last meeting is scheduled for October 26.

UPDATE ON THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Commissioner Ward reported the Committee met via teleconference on September 30 to discuss the following:

- **Revised Nomination Letter** – the title for the event recommended for approval by the commission is ***“Honoring Women of Los Angeles County: A lifetime of Commitment”***.

- **Nominations** – All nominations should be submitted by Friday, November 20, 2009. It is recommended that the nomination packet be converted to a write/save PDF file so that nominators and committee members can complete/review application electronically. Applications will be reviewed by the full Commission.
- **Biltmore Cost Information** – The Committee recommends that the cost of tickets remain at \$85 and securing the facility at the lowest allowed capacity, with the option to add up to 24 hours in advance of the event.
- **Event Colors** – The colors for the event are purple and silver. Purple represents the Commission for Women and silver represents the 25 Anniversary of the Commission.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission recommends to move forward with the recommendation.

DISCUSSION ON AN EMERITUS POSITION – COMMISSIONER CREARY

A “Draft” Emeritus Status Criteria was distributed to Commissioners for discussion and consideration. Commissioner Creary will revise “Draft” and present at the next commission meeting for discussion.

REPORT ON COMMISSIONER MUMMEY’S SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 – VICE PRESIDENT TANBERG

Vice President Tanberg reported that she, Gail Tierney from the Fourth Supervisorial District, and Commissioners Rodriguez, Becerra-Jones, Creary and Jernigan attended Janet Mummey’s funeral services held September 15, 2009. Commissioner Rodriguez presented the family with a scroll on behalf of the Fourth Supervisorial District and the Commission for Women. Commissioner Mummey’s family thanked everyone for the beautiful scroll.

DISCUSSION ON THE 2ND ANNUAL WOMEN IN PAIN CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Staff, reported that she spoke with John Garrett who will provide copies of the information handed out at the conference. Mr. Garrett also mentioned that the conference was a live worldwide webcast and generated two media TV networks.

**REPORT ON THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY'S 31ST ANNIVERSARY
COMMISSIONER CREARY AND COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the reception was well attended. Debra Suh mentioned the services have been affected from the State of California funding. A group of individuals are donating their time and services to update the center's website. In addition, over a hundred items was donated for silent auction.

**REPORT ON THE PAVE – REMOVING THE MASK ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 –
COMMISSIONER GRAVELY AND COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ**

Commission Rodriguez reported the event was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. "Removing the Mask" featured performing arts including the work of international fashion designers, performers and guest speakers.

**REPORT ON THE 3RD ANNUAL FAITH AND HOPE BEYOND PRISON WALLS ART
SHOW ON OCTOBER 3, 2009**

Sister Mary Sean Hodges and Amalia Molina stated the following:

Faith & Hope Beyond Prison Walls helps families of the incarcerated who are single mothers and families who are low-income families who have barely enough money to support themselves. The mission is to help them through support groups, educational workshops, healing services, and free transportation to the prisons to visit loved ones.

"Faith and Hope Beyond Prison Walls" displayed 300 art pieces from various artists who have been incarcerated or are in prison and jails throughout California. The money raised from the art pieces sold will help fund on-going programs such as families of the incarcerated.

President Duba thanked Sister Mary Sean Hodges and Amalia Molina for their presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS NEEDED

- **Communications** – Vice President Tanberg reported that she's working in coordinating the upcoming committee meeting. The Committee is working to adjust the website to conform with the Executive Office MOSS implementation.
- **Legislation** – Commissioner Jernigan stated since Commissioner Pinedo is not present, a full report will be provided next month. However, she mentioned that unemployment reached 10%.

- **Domestic Violence** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported the meeting was held September 25 and the following presenters from the Department of Mental Health were in attendance: Lilian Bando and Katrin Vartran. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the funds under Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63), and addressed the issue of shelters losing funding and possibly being able to acquire funding through the Mental Health Act. Tulya Smiley will be providing further information at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she submitted report to the Office of Women's Health for editing and as soon as the report becomes finalized she will submit to the Commission.
- **Education** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on Legislation SB61 which requires the State Department of Education to produce an annual report that accurately calculates the number of students not finishing school.
- **Older Women's Issues** – Commissioner Gravely reported that the meeting was held via teleconference September 29. The Older Women's Conference will take place in the spring of 2010 in the Second Supervisorial District. Staff will contact the Second District before a letter is sent out asking Supervisor Ridley-Thomas support. In addition, financial support is needed from the community to pay for food, printing and other obligations. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Creary suggested the following sites for the event: African American Museum and The California Science Center both located in Exposition Park.
- **Health** – None reported.
- **Other** – None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geneviève Clavreul commented about cited hospitals due to malpractice. She also shared news articles with the Commission.

Ruth Craft provided public comment on civil rights as it applies to women issues.

Commissioner Ward commented that she was able to schedule a meeting with Ms. Jenny Joon and the dean of California State University Northridge, Health Science Department where nursing is housed. Commissioner Ward further mentioned that the nurses in Korea have a three year program not a four year program.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she attended the Office of Women's Health Leadership Summit which older women's issues were discussed, and offered that information that the older women's conference has collected be provided to the OWH. She suggested the Health Committee attend future meetings.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones stated that she attended the Good Sheppard Center for Homeless Women and Children 25th Anniversary. Good Sheppard Center invited the Commission to have lunch and visit the center.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- September 15 – attended Janet Mummey’s Funeral Services, Santa Monica Catholic Church, in Santa Monica.
- September 23 – attended the County Retirement Meeting, Consumer Affairs Department in Diamond Bar.
- September 25 – attended Center for the Asian Pacific Family 31st Anniversary Celebration, Historic Gilmore Adobe.
- September 30 – attended the Autism Select Community Task Force at the Junior Blind Center in Los Angeles.
- October 3 – attended the following events: The 47th Assembly District People’s Council, Co-hosted by Councilmember Herb Wesson and California speaker Karen Bass; 3rd Annual Well Body-Well Mind Community Health Fair at Rancho Cienega Park and the 31st Annual Religious and Political Hall of Fame Awards Banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

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Wadie Gravely
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Norma Gallegos
Julie McCarthy-Napoleon
Jill Tanner

EXCUSED

Michelle Pinedo

UNEXCUSED

None

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel
Mireya Rivera
Emma De Jesus

GUESTS

Sonia Demessie, California Women's Commission on Addictions
Pat Wilson
Geneviève Clavreul
Ruth Craft
Amalia Molina
Sister Mary Sean Hodges